



Ward's Autism Portrayal Educates Audience

By Daniel Egemo

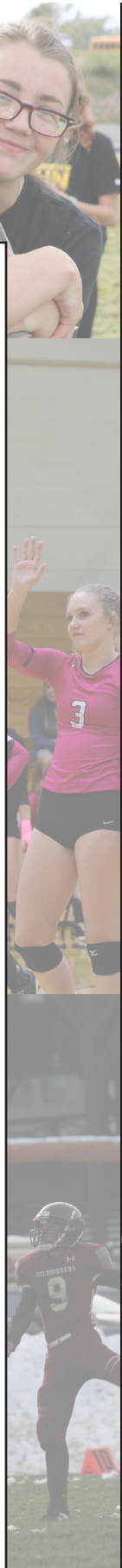
The LDHS Theater Department kicked off their season on Oct. 18-19 with *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. The show told the story of fifteen-year-old Christopher who discovers his neighbors' dead dog, Wellington. Christopher sets out to determine who killed Wellington, but his detective work is forbidden by his father. The story takes him on a journey that causes upheaval in his world.

LDHS Director of Theater Eli Corbett spoke about the show, he said, "I chose this show because I felt that it was important to give everyone a nice challenge heading into One-Acts. We're trying to earn ourselves a berth into the State Competition, so starting the season strong was very important to me."

"This show challenged everyone in so many ways. I feel that the material was a main contributor to that challenge," Corbett added. "Dealing with someone who has Autism can be tricky. You don't want to offend anyone, but at the same time, you want to create an authentic and real product. You ride a pretty thin line when dealing with this type of material," Corbett continued.

The production had many audience members in tears while watching the show as it struck a nerve with many audience members. One audience member, Isabel Ward, spoke highly of the show saying, "I loved it. It was great." She continued saying, "I took away how much work everyone does and how much time is put into these productions."

The cast will attempt to ride the wave of success into One-Act competition in January. LDHS has not made it to the state competition since 2010, and Director Corbett hopes to put the ensemble in the position to change that. Check out *Tracks* when it hits the stage in January.



Physics Class puts Laws into Motion

By Taya Burleson

Dr. Bree Oatman's physics class is learning about Newton's Second Law of motion which states that force is the product of mass times acceleration.

Students are carrying out experiments where they design parachutes to measure drag force or use pulleys and carts to measure acceleration. The students will use the knowledge they gain from the labs to design their own investigation about Newton's second Law of motion and how it applies to something they are personally interested in like golf

or football.

What's cool about physics is you use math to interpret or explain patterns you observe with the motion of objects and the forces acting on those objects.

Oatman says "Physics is the science most students fear but really they shouldn't. Even I feared physics as a student, and I was really nervous about teaching it."

Physics is about the motion of particles and matter and the forces that drive those interactions.

Physics is the science we use to design safer cars, better

snowboards, or skis. Physics is the science used to prevent injuries in sports and to engineer devices that help support our bodies when they are injured. It is the science that is used to engineer more energy efficient light bulbs, convert food waste into energy, and design electric cars and more.

Oatman would like to let the student body to know that saying things like "Often people psych themselves out by thinking, "I am bad at math" or "I am bad at science" that sets them up for failure.



Dr. Oatman reviews packets with students. Pictured is Taylor Arehart, Aidan Jensen, and Dr. Oatman.



Luke Weisenberg tests Newton's Law of motion using a ramp and pen for his experiment.

Kiwanis Students Of The Month

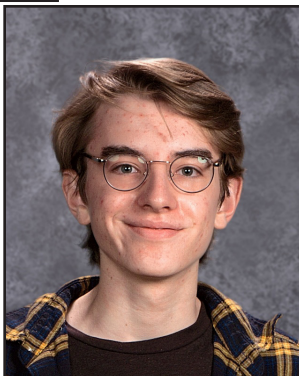
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Braevry Davis performs his humorous piece for the Custer Speech & Debate meet.

Oral Interp Begins Year Off Strong

By Kiayah Clark

The LDHS Speech and Debate team has participated in three tournaments so far this year. They hosted the first tournament of the year Oct. 6.

Twelve schools participated, over seventy students came to the tournament. About half of the team are new this year and doing well in the Novice category.

Colin Kennedy Hyman and Kialay Rose are doing well in Poetry and Rose is a top performer in Dramatic Interp. Braevry Davis and his sister Re-

joice Davis are contend in the Humor category and both have been placing in Novice and Varsity.

Davis also competes in Duet with Megan Bernal. They are one of the top three teams in the region and their growth as a duet since last year is really fun to watch. They prepared and cut their own script based on a popular Youtube series called "Llamas with Hats."

Last year was a transition year with the changing of coaches, the team requested a break

from Readers Theater. Which is an intensive event and requires 3-6 participants. Readers Theater has been added back to the schedule and to the crew consists of Braevry Davis, Megan Bernal, Josh Adkins, Kiayah Clark, Rejoice Davis and Mariana Pitlick. They are doing well and have placed at two out of three tournaments. Dr. Bree Oatman says "Any students wanting to participate on the team, should talk to me about how to join the team."

Oatman Builds Debate Team

By Daniel Egemo

Dr. Bree Oatman is in her second year as head coach of the Speech & Debate team.

Speech season began at the beginning of the year, but debate season begins at the end of October. Novice and Varsity debate competitions begin in early November with the first meet held in Aberdeen. During debate season, students can compete in Congressional Debate, Public Forum, or Lincoln Douglas Debate.

The LDHS Speech & Debate team hosts West River Congress on Oct. 29.

This event is an entire event dedicated to Congressional Debate in which students can draft bills and debate them with fellow students. The event is usually hosted in early February but Oatman thought "We moved the date to the beginning of the season to provide an opportunity for students to compete and learn how to do Congress before the big tournaments begin."

"My biggest goals as a coach this year is to improve how we provide support to students to be successful and to expand opportunities for students to participate in competitive debate events," Oatman commented.

"My goal for members of the team is to grow in their craft. We have students who struggled their first season and are now placing in the top third of their event at every tournament." She concluded by saying, "I also hope the members of the team grow as a family and continue to support each other in their individual and collective success."

There are currently fifteen active members on the LDHS Speech & Debate team, however many of these members are only on the Speech team. The team hopes to expand its numbers as it enters into the brand new season with opportunities to build upon success from previous seasons.

Knowledge Bowl Team Welcomes Interested Students

By Isabel Ward

The Knowledge Bowl team is stirring up a great season this year. The team of three have been doing great things throughout their season. The three students who make up the Digger's knowledge bowl team are Juniors Zariah Jones and Delaney Johnston, and Freshman Brody Neill.

Coach Jaci Pearson states that each player brings something to the table, "For instance, Delaney is our Johnny Cash and music expert, Zariah gets pumped up about math and English, and Brody is our all-around trivia guy. He knows a little bit about a lot of stuff." Pearson expresses that even though the trio is a very solid team it would be great to get a few more people out for the activity. For a full team for meets they need five people. At meets they start with taking a written test of sixty questions that the team can do together. These tests combine plenty of different categories of trivia, which is why it is great to have a diverse set of minds. Then the competition will shift to four oral rounds of sixty questions, and the best way to score more points is to hit the buzzer first. Topics range from Algebra, Materials Science, Jack London, Schools, National Parks, Monarchies, Caribbean History, 20th Century America, Insects, Sentence Analysis, Presidents, and National Monuments, just to name but a few.

The team has been performing really well at the meets that they have attended so far. These include the meets that were hosted at Douglas, Newell, and Upton. The team looks forward to hosting their own home meet at the high school on October 26th. If you are interested in joining the team Pearson said "I would like to offer the chance for anyone interested in joining Knowledge Bowl to join us for practice Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:15 in Room 214. We would also welcome anyone who's interested in filling a seat at our upcoming meet to join us!"



Knowledge Bowl Team members meet in Mrs. Jaci Pearson's room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Seated from L-R: Brody Neill, Delaney Johnston, and Zariah Jones.

NHS Plans Service Projects

By Mckinly Kyte

"Being a good student isn't just about having the highest GPA, its about character, service, and leadership," Stated by Mrs. Betty Campbell the NHS advisor.

Promoting the characteristics of NHS is what Mrs. Campbell is hoping to equip the students with before they eagerly walk across the stage. The requirements for NHS are to have an cumulative GPA of 3.5 and higher after your first semester of sophomore year, then you must fill out an application based on character, leadership, and service. The positions of NHS include: President- Isabel Ward, Vice President- Zariah Jones, Secretary- Lexie Schroeder, Treasurer- Kady Hopkins, Historian- Hannah Campbell, and Parliamentarian- Jordy Stulken. Throughout the year the students and leaders are required to serve 20 community service hours and attend to three of the fundraisers. One main community service act that NHS will be doing is three trips to the cornerstone mission to serve food to the homeless.

NHS members encourage people to participate in the upcoming fundraisers such as dressing up for Halloween on Oct. 31. Prizes and judging will be done during lunch and the categories include: couples or group, teachers, scariest and funniest. The next fundraiser is the competition between four teachers in the food drive to get a pie the face during lunch as an inspiration to get students to participate.

Student Council Attends Convention

By Madi Rystrom

Eleven students in Student Council attended the Rushmore Region convention Oct. 23. Daniel Egemo, Kiale Rose, Casey Briscoe, Dominic Williams, Paige Knabel, Delaney Johnston, Cameron Stofflet, Clarissa Heisinger, Jeremiah Fredricksen, Jagger Livengood, and Tilli Katon, were the students in attendance. One LDHS representative Paige Knabel said she went to the convention as it was her first year participating in Student Council, She said "wanted to be more involved in Student Council!" Knabel also mentioned that she thought that it was important to go to the convention "Because you have to help the student body flourish and grow." At the convention the students participated in ice breakers and activities to meet other students in the Rushmore Region of Student Council, also they learned about being leaders in and outside of the school.



All-State Chorus members at Black Hills Campus. All-State Chorus members left to right James Pierce, Courtney Stoltenberg, JZ Zellers, Natalie Janssen, TK Rainey, Delaney Johnston, Brandin Baumgartner, and Peyton Reller.

All-State Chorus Quartets Prepare For Sioux Falls

By Madi Rystrom

All-State Chorus will be held at the Denny Sanford (Premier) Center in Sioux Falls, on Nov. 2.

All-State Chorus consists of auditioned singers from 145 schools throughout South Dakota.

There are two quartets representing LDHS. The number of quartets allowed to participate per school is based on school enrollment. There are six first year participants: Natalie

Janssen, JZ Zellers, TK Rainey, James Pierce, Delaney Johnston, and Courtney Stoltenberg. One two-year participant Brandin Baumgartner, and one three-year participant Peyton Reller.

The guest conductor for All-State is Dr. Andrew Last from Luther College, in Decorah, Iowa. The choir will be learning and singing eight songs, the chorus will be singing three of these songs with an orchestra: The Star-

Spangled Banner, A Mighty Fortress, and Five Mystical Songs- Antiphon. And five songs as just a choir: Portones Abiertos y Rostros Brillantes, The Pasture, The Creation, Song My Child, and Great God Almighty. *"The songs are high in my range,"* said Natalie Janssen. She also said, *"There are a lot of songs to learn and they are difficult."*

HOSA Students Participates In Regional Fall Leadership Academy

By Lilianna Reynolds

HOSA is an international association for high school and college students who are interested in health science careers. The students participate in Regional Fall Leadership Academy along with the State Conference and competition in the spring. During state, students will compete in multiple diverse events that are related to many health careers. Three students chosen from each event will qualify to go to the International Conference and competition.

Eleven students have currently enrolled in Health Science Careers. During this class, students are introduced to health science careers and they are also provided with an opportunity to job shadow at Lead Deadwood Regional Hospital. The class will focus on many different aspects of health science. Students will analyze different types of health care systems, learn about the history of health care and how it had evolved, study the legal and ethical is-

issues in health care, employability, and personal and professional attributes of health care employees and career pathways. If students wish to take Health Science Careers II, they are offered more hands on skill development. Students will practice a variety of skills on the patient manikins provided and receive direct instructions from health care professionals in The Lead Deadwood community.

Some students have been qualified two times for International Conference. Once in 2018, one student took first place in her event and took fifth place in the nation. Members will attend the Fall Launch Academy at Western Dakota Tech.

Any students interested in a health science career have the opportunity to participate in HOSA, enrolled in a Health Science Career class or not. If students are interested in joining, ask Dr. Oatman for further information.



Students in HOSA work on their projects. Summer Stoltenberg, Megan Bernal, and Sequoia Sigdestad

Band Plans Trip to Disney Land

By Colie Corkins



Band playing at the Homecoming Game.

The LDHS Band has been preparing for another band trip to Anaheim, California to play at Disney Land. Members have been saving for this trip since they were in sixth grade. They have been doing fundraisers to save up for this trip since they started band with Director Mick Drago. The fundraisers consist of selling Yankee Candles, which you can also order online at any time. They also sell World's Finest Chocolates.

"I've been saving up since 6th grade, I am eagerly excited to spend this money on a great trip," says McKinley Kyte.

Drago encourages his students to save, save, save, for this because it's a great opportunity to have a good time, and get the magical experience of Disney Land,

The chance to see the ocean, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame, they will also be getting to see the behind studios of one of the busiest working studios in Los Angeles, California, which will be such an amazing experience for the LDHS band members!

They are leaving for this trip May 31, 2020, and they will be gone from May 31 - June 5. Students need to put a down payment of \$80 depending on how much they have raised from fundraising, and the monthly payment will also depend on how much the students have in their band accounts. Drago has different finance options to help with the cost of everything.

Speech and Debate Team Prepares for Student Congress

By Ryan Bourgo

Student Congress is a category Speech and Debate participants may be able to partake in.

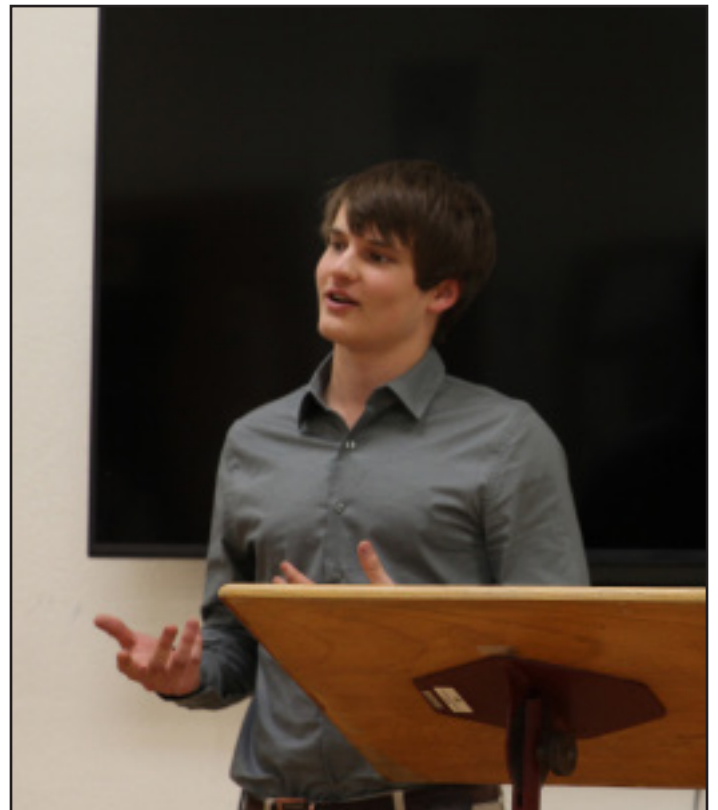
This category allows students to submit handmade laws into a meet to be debated on. "My favorite thing about student congress- the ability to practice making and debating laws in a civil manor with other intelligent students. It is enlightening to practice what our representatives in congress do on a daily basis" said Daniel Egemo.

Participating in this process helps students to get better at their communication skills. Students write bills using a template that can be found on the National Speech and Debate website, then these bills are sent out to the schools participating in the meets to allow students to prepare arguments for or against the bill. Congress is as competitive as any other sport, and it takes practice to do well. Competitive Congress is difficult, and sometimes upsetting.

Upcoming, West River Congress is to take place on Monday, October 28th.

Every year LDHS holds this event to kick off the next season which is the National Forensics League.

NFL season for Speech and Debate is where debate, like Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas and Congress begin. West River Congress is the first debate meet, it is open to anyone of any level to test the waters.



Jack Hallock gives a speech on student legislation.



The cast takes a final bow at the end of the performance. From L-R: Jackson Srstka, Emma Hess, Nathan Diers, Casey Briscoe, Sam Hamann, Quinn Ward, Daniel Egemo, Hank (the dog), Anna Burmeister, Sequoia Sigdestad, Kiayah Clark, and Josh Adkins.



Christopher (Quinn Ward) reminisces with his mother (Casey Briscoe) about a lovely trip to the beach.



Christopher (Quinn Ward) receives a pep talk from Siobhan (Sam Hamann) about taking his math A-level.



The frustration of having an autistic child (Quinn Ward) drives Ed (Daniel Egemo) to the brink of violence.



Christopher (Quinn Ward) looks intently at letters from his mother he found in his father's room (Casey Briscoe).

Key Club Plans Hat Day

By Kady Hopkins

Key Club is gearing up by participating in events during the next upcoming months. The club is involved in multiple events inside and outside the school along with the guidance from Key Club advisor Ms. Wendy Schamber.

Schamber's favorite part about Key Club is "Working with the students and seeing them volunteer in the community in a positive way."

The group shares a partnership with the local Kiwanis Club of the area and provides a way for high school students to serve others around them and earn volunteer hours by getting involved in activities around town.

According to Schamber, the mission of Key Club is "To build our home, school, and community," which the club does when the opportunity arises.

The club recently met on Oct. 22 and discussed new ideas for both fall and winter projects. The next event Key Club is organizing includes a Hat Day planned for Nov. 1. High school students and staff are invited to donate two

dollars to wear a hat for the day. Tickets will be sold the morning of Nov. 1 inside the front doors of the high school. The proceeds from this event will be split between the Lord's Cupboard and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

Key club will be participating and planning other events for the holiday season, but what Schamber said she is looking forward to the most this year is "The District Convention! Always a great time – good leadership seminars and great community outreach - and we have missed out the last couple of years due to the weather."

Key Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at eight o'clock in the morning inside the high school Board Room. The club is always looking for new members to join and invites anybody who is interested to come to a meeting. It is a great opportunity to get service hours to put towards graduation and it is never too late to join. Everybody is welcome to join!



Lenessa Keehn and James Studioso explain Skills USA to students

Skills USA Setting Up For Another Year

By Jeremiah Fredericksen Jr.

Skills USA is all encompassing organization that includes welding, cabinetry, architecture and other CTE classes.

Skills USA allows the members to attend competitions where they compete with students from other schools in building, design, welding and computer related classes.

The only fundraising that the organization will do is laser engraving wine glasses. The advisors say they do not want the door-to-door salesman act that most clubs do. LDHS started Skills USA about four years ago. Skills USA met in Mr. Studioso's room to decide leadership positions. Jacob Harris took the position of president. Aaron Olinger will have the duties of vice president and Kadden Dillman will assume the position of secretary/treasurer.

The school can only participate in competitions for which they have classes. LDHS has the following courses: **Mr. James Studioso:** Cabinet-making, Carpentry, Electrical Construction Wiring. **Mr. Duane Cunningham:** Mechatronics (robotics), Robotics – Urban Search & Rescue, Robotics & Automation Technology, Sheet Metal (welding), Welding, Welding Fabrication, Welding Sculpture, Mobile Robotics Technology. **Mrs. Lenessa Keehn:** Job Interview, Job Skill Demonstration A, Job Skill Demonstration Open, Employment Application Process, Career Pathways Showcase, Customer Service. **Ms. Kim Loeffen:** Computer Programming, Technical Computer Applications, Web Design. **Dr. Bree Oatman:** Medical Terminology, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio, Health Knowledge Bowl, First Aid/CPR, Basic Health Care Skills. **Mr. Tony Musliek:** 3-D Visualization & Animation, Information Technology Services.

Seniors Begin FAFSA Process

By Isabel Ward

It's FAFSA season and the seniors are now getting signed up and starting to really think about the next year. Most seniors find themselves confused on what the FAFSA even is and why they need it. The FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Each year that one is enrolled in college or further education, the person will need to fill the form out.

When seniors fill out the FAFSA, they will have to provide plenty of information. The FAFSA has 130 questions about a multitude of topics. These topics include what one's household size is, what one's parents or guardians are making financially, and the number of siblings who have attended college. An estimated EFC must be provided too. EFC stands for Estimated Family Contribution. These questions will then be evaluated and one will be able to qualify for financial aid and grants that can be extremely helpful when paying off student debt.

Besides the use of scholarships, the FAFSA is one of the best ways to help pay for higher education. Because of this, make sure it is filled out correctly. Don't leave anything blank and take everything into account, even if some of the questions sound weird, each has a purpose to try and help you get the most out of federal aid in the circumstances.

Overall when talking to seniors, most feel confused and nervous about filling out the FAFSA. Often times these students feel lost and confused, luckily there are plenty of resources online and in school that can help.

Impeachment Inquiry Splits The Nation

By Daniel Egemo

On Sept. 24, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry into President Trump. The issue of impeachment comes roughly just one year away from the 2020 election in which Trump is running for re-election.

This announcement rocked the country and has split the American voters right down the middle just like they are on most issues. Here at LDHS, the same can be said about opinion among members of the school. Seventy-two people, students and staff, were surveyed about the impeachment inquires. The survey found that roughly eighty-six percent of people surveyed have heard of the impeachment inquiry, while about fourteen percent had not heard of it. Of the eighty-six percent that had heard of it, fifty-five percent support impeachment while forty-five percent do not support impeachment.

This seems to be the case nationwide, as most polls conducted on the matter of impeachment has about a fifty/fifty split among voters, usually based on party lines. The impeachment process is a long process which will take months to complete. There are many outcomes that could happen, but the American voters will have to sit back and wait to see.

All polling was conducted by Daniel Egemo, editor of the Nugget, and it was supervised by adviser Ms. Kimberly Loeffen.



Senior Daniel Egemo begins filling out the FAFSA.

Joker Shatters Records

By Daniel Egemo

Joker hit theaters around the world on Oct. 4. It made nearly one hundred million dollars in its opening weekend at the box office which set the record for the biggest opening weekend in October box office history.

The film centers around aspiring comedian Arthur Fleck who seeks a connection with the world that he was never able to find. Fleck works as a clown for his day job. He tries repeatedly to make a positive connection with those around him, but to no avail. He has been disregarded by society and the film follows the characters slow decent into madness.

Joaquin Phoenix plays Fleck in the film. He delivers subjectively the best performance in a motion picture of 2019. His performance was remarkable and at times, unpredictable. The audience never knows what is quite going on inside the mind of Fleck. Phoenix plays a version of the *Joker* character that we have never seen before. This version of the character is grounded, and it makes you believe that this could happen in our world.

The great thing about *Joker* is that the events of the movie are for the audience to interpret. There is no one right answer of what really happened throughout the course of the film. Todd Phillips, director of *Joker*, gave us a film that is uncommon in today's age of big blockbuster movies. While this film is based upon a comic book character, it feels much more like a character study, which dives into the mind and personality of the main character.

Joker is a film that offers commentary about the way that society works today. It is a masterpiece that can be watched again many times and will be remembered for a long time down the road. The reason *Joker* is so impactful is that we know the frightening portrayal of society in the movie is a mirror of society today at it's worst.

Three Cross Country Members To Attend State Meet

By Taya Burleson

Coming to the end of the season, Coach Will Malde said, that “The team has made all their team goals.” The team mostly had individual goals which again almost everyone has achieved. The runners have done an incredible job of encouraging and pushing one another and Coach Malde believes that their energy and desire to see their teammates succeed has made this season so great, with even more to accomplish in their last week.

Coach Malde said, “It’s hard to say who has improved the most because everyone on the team has really shown amazing improvement.” If he had to choose one he said he would say, “Izzy Ward, because she is consistently two-three minutes faster than she was last year.” The last few weeks James Pierce has improved the most. His last few races have been the best of his season especially at Regions when he set a new 5k personal record by 1 minute 17 seconds.

“At Regions the team competed well, Malde was surprised by Pierce and Williams, they had great races but overall everyone ran strong. After Regions Malde anticipated that the team had a chance of getting anywhere from two to six people to state and the team ended up with three who qualified and one that missed by mere seconds. The course in Huron plays to the runner’s strengths and it gives the team a great opportunity to place well. The team’s best times of the season put the qualifiers in solid positions and if they can build on the momentum of a great region meet, they could surprise many people. Malde “That overall his team has come together closer than ever and push each other everyday to become better.”



James Pierce running to the finish line.



The Cross Country team together after the races. Back L-R: Isabel Ward, Pratt Williams, Logan Eisner, Coach Will Malde, Middle L-R: Coach Tami Kneip, Zariah Jones, Landon Williams, James Pierce, Emma Jones, Front L-R: Madelaine Rogers, Sara Jones, and Clarissa Heisinger.

Lady Diggers Finish The Season

By McKinly Kyte

“We strive for perfection, but that is unrealistic in the game of volleyball,” Stated by Coach Kim Hansen. Making fewer mistakes than the other team will help the varsity achieve their goal of becoming one of the top teams in the Region and Conference. To do so the team will need to give every effort in these next final weeks.

Blocking, serving and digging are the team’s best skills. Highest passing percentage goes to Blake Mehlberg the teams’ Libero. Anna Campbell has killed the ball 239 times this season making her the top hitter for the season. This sport is a team effort and with that said the only points to stand out is service aces and overpass kills, which are highlights to each intense game. Highest service aces are held by Rebecca Groeger currently serving at 97% with 47 Aces for the season. Each player contributes to the team’s success one stat at a time.

The team has improved in every skill so far this season by serving over 90%, having over 1,600 Digs, and over 600 kills as a team. With the playing their hardest their seasonal highlight was hosting their home tournament and showing great success as a whole. Coming together like a family is essential to support each player and their mistakes throughout a game, and they have shown that on the court every night.



Hannah Campbell hits the ball over the net.



Kailee Bertrand sets the ball out of the net.



Natalie Janssen and Anna Campbell block an attack.



Back row celebrates the point win in their dig pink jerseys.



Anna Campbell spikes the ball at the other team.



Raygan Mattson hits the set from the back row



Blake Mehlberg passes the ball to the setter.



Number 54 Gage Mau gets ready to block his opponent during the Oct. 11 game against Custer.



Jordy Stulken, Number 22, runs for a touchdown on a cold October night.

Diggers End Season At Winner

By Isabel Ward and Brayden Hughes

As the football season wraps up it is important to look at all the accomplishments of the team. The second half of the season was filled with plenty of challenging teams including Chamberlain, Wessington Springs, Custer and eventually Winner for the playoff. Each of these games were filled with different challenges. The team's strong suit is defense and passing had become something the team feels they have truly improved upon in this season. Hot Springs seems to be the favorite game for many on the team including Robbie Lester, who stole the ball from the opposing running back and ran until he scored a touchdown. When asked about the touchdown Lester said, "Forty-six yards is a lot longer than it seems."

Max Johnson enjoyed the game because of how competitive it was, "It was a high scoring game and was a lot of fun to be a part of" Overall the team has had a successful year, leaving many of the seniors feeling as if it was their best season yet. "It's definitely the one that I am going to remember the most" said Lester when asked about his last season.

The football team played against Custer for the last home game of the season. The game ended with the 41-62, with Custer winning. The Diggers played well but during the second half they lost momentum. It was an emotional night for the seniors, this was the last time that they would play on Ferguson Field. After this game the team had one more to look forward to, The Diggers went to Winner for their first playoff game. The morning of Oct. 24 the Diggers loaded on the bus and began their four hour journey, to take on the Winner Warriors and cement their position in the playoffs. Unfortunately, the outcome of the game was not in the Diggers favor, as they ultimately fell short and the game ended prematurely with a score of 7-60.

However the Diggers still had a great season, "I felt we performed at a high level, our schedule was a lot more difficult this year; with trading out games that were favorable for us, to games that were very challenging," stated Head Coach Tom Tieszen.

For some this was their last season to participate and be a part of LDHS's football family. With the seniors graduating, we wondered how the team will perform. "It's always tough losing your seniors who have been leaders all the way through. But I'm confident that they showed the next classes what it means to be successful leaders," said Tieszen. With the confidence of the team, and the support of the community the Diggers plan to have an even better season than the last.